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LATE ISSUE - The editors of IUR regret the delay in this edition caused by production problems beyond our control. Our normal schedule for delivery will resume next issue. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our readers.

Sincerely,

J. Allen Hynek

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FRANCE BEGINS OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT STUDY OF UFO PROBLEM -

The President of the French National Center for Space Studies (C.N.E.S.) has created an official research group to study the UFO phenomenon. The multidisciplinary effort will utilize the active participation of some members of all of the main Government Research Organizations, including the National Center for Scientific Research, the Astrophysical Institute, the National Meteorology Institute, the universities, and so on. The official name for this effort is G.E.P.A.N., the "Groupe d'Etude des Phenomenes Aerospatiaux Non identifies". G.E.P.A.N. has actually been in effect since May 1, but the official announcement was withheld until now to permit time for negotiations with the various Research Organizations.G.E.P.A.N.'s director is Claude Poher, who has served as head of the Scientific Systems and Projects Division of the C.N.E.S., as well as their Astronomy Department for six years and their Sounding Rockets Division for two years. UFOphiles are already aware of Dr. Poher's application of statistical techniques to UFO data, as well as his work on magnetohydrodynamic propulsion systems. Dr. Poher characterizes the attitude of the Director General of C.N.E.S. as "very constructive", in contrast to that of the Condon Committee. The work will be decided by a Scientific Board proposed by Dr. Poher.

The implications of such extensive resources backed by trained personnel are potentially staggering for UFOlogy. Arrangements for close cooperation between G.E.P.A.N. and the Center for UFO Studies are already underway. IUR will keep close tabs on the development of this important new study.

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FIRST DOCTORATE IN EDUCATION FOR RESEARCH ON UFOS-

Everett Walter, 46, received a degree from Nova University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida for his doctoral dissertation, the "Study of UFOs and Its Adoption Within the Community College Curriculum". The study was based on a survey of 1,219 two-year colleges all over the world to see if they would approve a UFOlogy course. Walter also planned a curriculum such classes could follow. Of the colleges that responded, 44 percent said they would offer such a course.

NOTE: There have been other doctoral dissertations on UFOs in the past. Dr. David Jacobs' book, "The UFO Controversy in America", was his dissertation on history, for example.

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EDITORIAL

by Dr. J. Allen Hynek

What is the *exact* percentage of IFOs (Identified Flying Objects) among all reports received?

We have been chided from time to time that we have quoted various values. The fact is there is no such number. At times when Venus is prominent, or when advertising planes abound, the IFO percentage is sure to rise; neither is the number of UFOs constant as time goes by.

The number of IFOs depends on the time interval considered (in 1947-48, some 80% of the reports were IFOs—see UFO EXPERIENCE) and on the source of the reports. If we compare Air Force files with our UFOCAT, we find great differences. For example, UFOCAT has 40 times as many "entity" cases as the Air Force files for the same period (1947-1969).

Obviously, the percentage of UFOs is not invariant but depends on the time period involved, the collecting agency, the geographical areas considered, and how well the raw reports have been analyzed. Without study, many IFOs can masquerade as UFOs.

Each month in this publication we list the percentage of IFOs among the reports received by the Center for UFO Studies. Readers will have noted that this number has varied from 98.9% to 83.3%. We must remember, too, that these statistics relate only to reports actually made. There is good evidence that a vast reservoir of unreported UFO cases exist; many people have been reluctant to report sightings. Would the percentage of IFOs go up or down if we could persuade these reluctant sighters to report? If it is so that "the stranger the sighting, the greater the reluctance to report", then the percentage of IFOs might go down!

J. Allen Hynek

CORRESPONDENCE

JOE ACCETTA ON NORAD

In response to comments from Stanton Friedman and Phil Klass some clarification on the May issue article concerning radar surveillance are in order.

Specifically, the statement in question was "the NWS and FAA networks are much less useful to the problem at hand than NORAD for two principal reasons that will be stated without elaboration: signal to noise ratio and command and control."

In retrospect, the lack of elaboration is regrettable and is cited as the cause of the misunderstanding.

Firstly, the statement should have been interpreted in the context of the preceding paragraph, whose main theme is an *organized* radar investigation. The theme was unintentionally broken by the editors' insertion of the subtitle "what are the different radar systems?" The "problem at hand" is not simply the detection of UFOs but an organized scientific endeavor to determine the nature and cause of the UFO phenomenon.

The term "signal-to-noise ratio" was not intended to refer to the classical mathematical expression for a receiver's figure of merit but rather the general circumstances surrounding the problem of finding the "right" object in a large collection of similar objects. FAA radars, on the average, are quite busy, especially local terminal control radars. Further, bogies or unidentified aircraft are not an uncommon occurence on radars whose actual coverage extends well beyond the control zone (the area where identification is mandatory) particularly since not all aircraft are transponder equipped. As a specific example, the terminal control radar operators in my area relate that during peak activity, 15-20 unidentified aircraft may show up on the screens outside the control zone. An additional complicaton is that transponders are only required on certain aircraft and/or in certain areas.

On the phrase "command and control," again, the interpretation is in the context of organized research. The FAA radars are less suitable in this regard because there is no single repository of continental FAA radar information in which one could reside and literally "command and control" an organized search or experiment. In contrast, the NORAD radar network is technologically superior for tracking and detection, has nearly worldwide coverage, has exo-atmospheric capability, uses FAA information and, finally, funnels all the data to a single control point. This does not imply that the FAA or NWS radars are summarily dismissed as being useless. On the contrary! They are and will continue to be a useful source of local information, when available, and a potential adjunct to a large scale study. But, as we proceed down the radar hierarchy from space surveillance to local terminal control, the "noise" becomes progressively worse, and the potential for central control and collection diminishes. In summary, an organized effort could best be conducted from the vantage point of NORAD using their radars and associated control networks for primary data collection with auxilliary inputs from FAA and NWS networks. Although the latter networks are extremely valuable for local data collection, the utilization of these networks as a focal point for a large scale investigation is simply not the optimum choice.

I trust that the foregoing is sufficient clarification. My apologies.

JOSEPH ACCETTA
Albuquerque, NM

IN CURRENT JOURNALS

ETH: THE BALL AND CHAIN THEORY OF UFOLOGY, by Jenny Randles, UFO RESEARCH REVIEW, Spring, 1977.

"To my mind one of the main reasons why UFOlogy has progressed so little in the thirty years of active study is due to the almost fanatical belief amongst many that it *has* to have an extraterrestrial solution, that we are definitely dealing with solid spacecraft and their little (though not necessarily green) occupants. I am not about to tell you that the extraterrestrial hypothesis is wrong, but I have not seen any objective evidence for its validity, and I want it to be proven to me. It seems that all too often the proponents of this theory believe that it should be others who prove that it is not true. Clearly this is not a scientific way of going about things, because no improbable theory can even be considered without a great deal of evidence in its support."

Letter to Editor—CONTROVERSY, by Ian Grant, BUFORA JOURNAL, May/June 1977.

"Ball lightning is a fascinating subject. These ghostly, ghastly globes may float demurely, or fizz and sparkle like a damp squib. They may pass through doors without bothering to open them, or whimsically squeeze through the keyhole; funnel into electrical equipment like water sucked down a plughole, or wink out silently, or disappear in a deafening explosion. In short, they are quite ridiculous, and were generally disbelieved until a well-known scientist saw one floating politely up the gangway of the plane in which he was travelling."

FOREIGN FORUM

This is a representative sampling of UFO sightings from around the world. While we cannot exert the same degree of control over these cases compared to domestic ones, it is at least of value to see that the same characteristics are reported for this phenomenon abroad as in the U.S.

POLAND: Dalbuszki village, near Gostyn, Feb. 2, 1977. A 57-year old farmer named Zbigniew Tuszewski found a 50 cm. disc weighing 30 kg. in the earth of his field. Concave on one side, flat on the other, the unusual find has been deemed not to be a meteorite nor a piece of a satellite; yet our report briefly indicates that while a spectroscopic analysis showed the presence of nickel, cobalt, copper, niobium, molybdenum, vanadium and tellurium in the disc, another "analysis" "proved" there was no nickel in it (?). If IUR obtains further details, we will report them in a future issue.

SOURCE: George Wielunski, via JoAnn Silvis.

YUGOSLAVIA: near Senozeti, Feb. 4, 1977. At 6:30 AM, a Yugoslavian woman named Helena and her 18-year old daughter stepped outside to see a glowing orange ellipse against the dark, partly cloudy sky. About four times the size of the moon, the object hovered ten degrees up over the forest. Walking along, they watched the object disappear, and saw a glow arising from the woods as if there was a fire in the nearby village. Hastening to the scene, they found nothing on their arrival. The total duration of these events was 10-15 minutes. The orange object was silent, and seemed to have 4-7 brighter spots on it.

SOURCE: Milos Krmel, UFO-NLP, Yugoslavia, direct to IUR.

U.S. SIGHTINGS

12 UFOs SELECTED FROM 103 CASES: July 15-Aug. 14

91 reports were judged to be identifiable.
See the "Profile" feature for the monthly breakdown.

HOW WE LEARN OF UFO'S: UFO reports are from news departments, civilian organizations and individuals all over the world, but most of our reports stem from the Center for UFO Studies' UFO Central Hotline. This is a 24-hour, toll-free telephone service for the exclusive use of law enforcement agencies, FAA agencies, planetaria and other formal channels. This gives us the chance to follow up *all* cases rapidly for first-hand information with unlimited long-distance capability. Other advantages include screening of the hoaxers Indeed, police who patrol when others are asleep are encouraged to fill this void.

HOW WE DEFINE UFO'S: Any anomalous aerial phenomena whose appearance and/or behavior can't be ascribed to conventional objects and effects—not only by the original witnesses, but also by analysts who possess technical qualifications the original observer may lack.

NL—Nocturnal Light: distant anomalous lights seen in the night sky
DD—Daylight Discs: distant disc-like objects seen during the day
RV—Radar/Visual: UFOs seen by radar and vision simultaneously

CE I—Close Encounter of the First Kind: UFOs seen within 500 feet
CE II—Close Encounter of the Second Kind: CE I's that leave behind physical traces
CE III—Close Encounter of the Third Kind: CE I with humanoid occupants seen

HOW WE NUMBER CASES: All UFO sightings will receive a three element number which will serve as a case "name". The first numbers refer to the volume and issue number of the edition that contains the case, and the last number refers to the order it arrived (example: 1-1-7, the seventh case of the first issue).

UFOs of Limited Merit

These reports are of intermediate stature. They are UFOs in the sense that we don't know what they are, but for a variety of stated *reasons, they are not really worthy of closer scrutiny.*

CASE	TYPE	DATE	TIME	DURATION	WITNESSES	PLACE
2-9-2	NL	7-15-77	11:45 PM	2 hrs.	5	Blythe, CA

Adult witnesses on boat reported watching an extended oval light source, 3-4 times the size of the moon; it was seen to dart silently around the sky above them in all directions and on both sides of the river. The white oval was reported to stop abruptly, come close to the witnesses, and curve around the river. A searchlight? The sky was clear, the area rural, and the brightness intense (a strong reflection was cast on the water below).

The remoteness of this area made it difficult to pursue the case beyond the witnesses themselves. Radar coverage is poor here at low altitudes. No other reports from local police.

2-9-4	NL	7-16-77	pre-12 AM	1¼ hrs.	3	Baton Rouge LA

"Bright star", 30-40 degrees up in the west, was seen to slowly displace as much as 10-15 degrees from its original position and return again. Its movements, sometimes circular, were referenced against 2 stars. By 1:15 AM, the reference stars had dropped down toward the horizon, but the UFO remained in the same basic position.

The light only moved when it flashed red and green colors. Only a star coupled with atmospheric distortions? That estimate of displacement was checked by 2 reference methods: the "outstretched fist" (= 10 degrees), and "moon diameters" (= ½ degree). Also, the reference stars were found the next night by the witness, but not the UFO. The airport received calls that night based on a red tower light seen through the fog, but it can't be connected to this incident.

2-9-8	NL	7-18-77	12:05 AM	5-6 sec.	1 +	Fairview, PA

An intense, blue/white glow, indistinct in shape, hovered silently almost overhead for 2-4 seconds above a creek. Witness guessed that the glow was 200-300 feet up and 2 times the size of the moon. Then it jumped quickly to the north with a hum "like a hair dryer".

Witness used to searchlights in the area. Described the light as "too distinct, bright and close"; the sky was clear at the time. Erie Airport only had a one-man staff on duty at the time—nothing was noted there. Mostly single witness.

2-9-19	NL	7-21-77	10:05 PM	4-5 sec.	2	Glenview, IL

"Star" moved in straight path from 80 degrees in north to 80 degrees in the SE, not unlike a meteor. Then it stopped for 1 second, hooked around backwards rapidly and stopped again. The witnesses (a father & son) became distracted momentarily; when they looked back, it was gone.

No other reports; possible misperceived meteor.

2-9-68	DD	7-31-77	6:30 PM	3 min.	3	Normal, IL

University art professor called his wife and secretary out to see a silver "stretched cigar", 3 times the moon's diameter in length. Distinctly outlined, the object flew in a slow straight path from 30 degrees in the SW to 30 degrees in the NE and was lost in the trees. No trail, wings, details or sounds. Clear blue sky, sun still up.

Marked disagreement among witnesses on apparent size. No other reports from Bloomington-Normal area, yet seen on campus at dinnertime. Not observed by Bloomington-Normal Airport nor by the Aurora Air Traffic Control Center.

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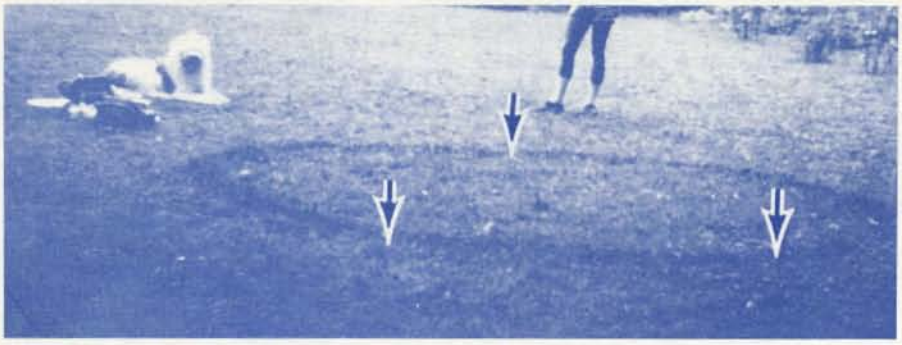


A nearly-perfect 13-foot ring, 8 inches wide—arrows show 3 bare spots that form a perfect equilateral triangle.

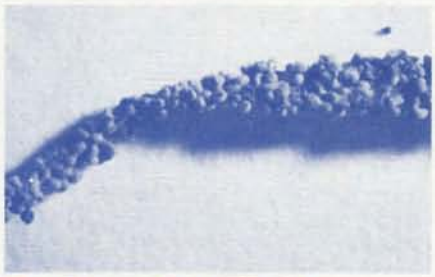
A PHYSICAL TRACE DOTH NOT A CE II MAKE

by Allan Hendry

"They look like nodules of molybdenum or nickel forming a ten or twelve-foot ring in the ground."

Thus did a man (familiar with aircraft part manufacture) describe a large, grey ring that was found in the backyard of a neighbor on an island near Galena, Illinois. No UFO was seen by anyone on the island, just the mysterious ring. Now we stated in an early issue of IUR that we would *not* normally investigate apparent "physical traces" if no UFO was observed to be the causative agent. There are too many alternative mechanisms that can create depressed patches, circular rings, damaged vegetation, etc.; yet the idea of a metallic substance appearing overnight on an isolated island was too intriguing to overlook. I undertook the four-hour drive to see it.

When I arrived in the afternoon, the ring looked just as you see it here. To be on the safe side, a check for radioactivity was made. The result was negative, but the material was still treated cautiously, in case it was toxic. A close examination of the grass and leaves revealed a fascinating cluster of tiny beads, like pinheads, packed closely together. Just as provocative was the nearly perfect circular shape (see photo). The 8-inch width of the ring was very consistent, too. The three bare spots define a rather perfect equilateral triangle, suggestive of the placement of "landing pads". The witnesses had lived on the island since 1946 and had never seen a feature like it anywhere in that time. They had examined the backyard at 7:30 the night before, and noticed the ring while eating breakfast the next morning. There had been frequent rain up to the day before the discovery; the island also has a low water table.



Blade of grass—7x magnification

On the other hand, some aspects of the ring immediately began to create suspicion that the trace was not evidence of a landing. First, there was no depression of the grass or leaves at all. Leaves that were parallel to the ground were coated top and bottom with the clustered substance. Nothing was observed on the soil, only on upper surfaces of vegetation. Only the lower portion of an upraised twig lying across the ring was coated with the beads, and not the top. The small beads were not metallic at all; they were very delicate, and crushed easily. The ring was placed only 55 feet from the house and was directly under the branches of a tree. The tree was completely undamaged. "Ingress" to this site by a flying object would be difficult at best. Samples were taken for analysis, and stakes were placed to define the current size of the ring.

WHAT CAUSED THE RINGS?

Analysis proved to be remarkably quick. Thinking about "insect eggs" or some similar blight, I took the sample to the diagnostic service of a large nursery. The verdict: fungus!

The original witnesses informed us that the grass amongst the nodules had grown 50% taller than the grass inside and outside the ring. This was apparently a textbook situation—breakdown of the soil in the ring by the fungus stimulates the grass growth.

That ring was discovered on the morning of August 7, in northwest Illinois. Five days later, IUR was notified of another overnight ring discovery—two of them side-by-side—but this time they occured in northeast Indiana, near Chesterton. Investigator Bill Laas was asked to investigate. Samples were sent to us and to the University of Chicago for analysis. When we received the coated grass in the mail, we quickly observed that the material was exactly the same thing we observed near Galena. Again, Russell Wiemann, the University of Chicago analyst, was quick to inform the press that it was only "slime mold".

CONCLUSION

IUR is sending its samples to other horticultural experts for a definitive opinion, as well as an explanation of the quick circular formation of this particular fungus. So why detail this CE II "IFO"? Because the witnesses of the rings in both events, as well as Purdue students and the sheriff's department, all thought of one explanation: UFOs. No preliminary consideration was given to the possibility of a fungus blight by any of the parties involved. One woman in Indiana, later interviewed by Bill Laas, told the press about a "UFO" she saw the night before, several miles away from the site. The description she offered is perfectly in keeping with Chicago-bound aircraft. So it is important to illustrate to the public (and the press) that mysterious rings that don't benefit from a directly observed UFO "cause" should seldom, if every, be incorporated into the UFO files. There are too many "options" which, unlike this event, can be *completely* unpursuable.

Finally, think of the dangers involved in *not* having had the chance to investigate the ring. If we had only heard about it months or years too late, as is often the case, think of the consequences of filing away a *description* of a ring "formed of nodules of molybdenum or nickel"!

THE LINDLEY EPISODES

CE III'S IN NEW YORK STATE

Were 4-foot humanoids seen at this creekbed—

—by witnesses in this distant house?

Did they "levitate" this tombstone on the neighbor's farm beyond the creek?

COMMENT BY ALLAN HENDRY

The end of July and beginning of August saw the repeated reporting of CE III-type events in the rural community of Lindley, New York. Four-foot tall, normally-proportioned humanoids figure in three of these sightings, with new witnesses present in each.

IUR first learned of this sequence of events from the Center for UFO Studies' Police Hotline within hours of the event. In the absence of the managing editor that week , and because of the initial claims of physical traces, the preliminary information was obtained by Ted Phillips, a CE II specialist, by telephone. I then made arrangements to meet with all parties concerned; literally hours before boarding a plane, however, I learned that the adult witnesses had abruptly become "indefinitely unavailable." Fear of investigation? Cover-up? Men-in-Black? Nothing that sinister; details of their sudden exodus from town are of a highly legal/personal nature, independently checked by IUR. Although unusual in themselves, they clearly have no bearing on the sighting, whatsoever. They are a nuisance, however, in that the total investigation of an otherwise provocative case must be considered suspended until the witnesses return. These individuals have indirectly expressed their interest in continuing the investigation in the future. For now, anonymity has been requested and we will honor that. IUR is grateful to Ted Phillips and Douglas Dains for their assistance; special thanks go to Roy Turner for his generous help in this case. Information presented here should be regarded as more accurate than the early news note last issue.

EPISODE #1

CASE 2-9-25 (all related events will be designated by this number)
DATE: July 23, 1977
TIME: 1:00 AM
TYPE: CE III
DURATION: 3 hours
WITNESSES: (2)—Monica _____, 26, and her niece, Janine _____, 13
PLACE: Lindley, New York—Monica's home

Monica and Janine arrived home from the stock car races at 12:45 AM. Monica's Dachshund, Cubby, started barking; concerned about kids in the area who were stealing, she let out her German Shepard who returned without reacting to anything. Still, when they both retired upstairs between 1:05 and 1:15 AM, she looked out the open bedroom window. Both saw 11-12 white "stars" in the shape of the Big Dipper in addition to the *real* Big Dipper. These seemed low and close, were surrounded by a halo, and moved freely in all directions. One bright light was seen to "appear" (not land) on a hill 300 yards away. Two of the lights in the sky appeared to hover over the light on the hill and ascend with a "whooshing" noise when a car or train approached.

Janine and Monica heard noises from the creek that sounded like stones falling and saw two small figures in front of a tree next to the creek. The figures appeared to be floating up and down. Then more figures equipped with flashlights were observed at various places—over by the creek and on the neighbor's farm property. At this point, Monica thought about calling her sister-in-law, Janine's mother. Janine discouraged her, saying it was late, and that the figures "will go away anyway." Next, a rectangular, red light source was noted by Janine to approach as close as the creek and recede again. Janine got a severe headache at this point; then Monica did. One figure on the distant hill was observed to shine a light on a lone tombstone there; he left, returned to the stone and illuminated it again. To the witnesses' astonishment, the monument appeared to

lift up in the air and move back and forth.

A taller figure than the rest was next seen standing near the light on the hill; he called out with an "oooh, oooh" sound and the others in the field all returned to him. Five minutes later, they all returned to the field.

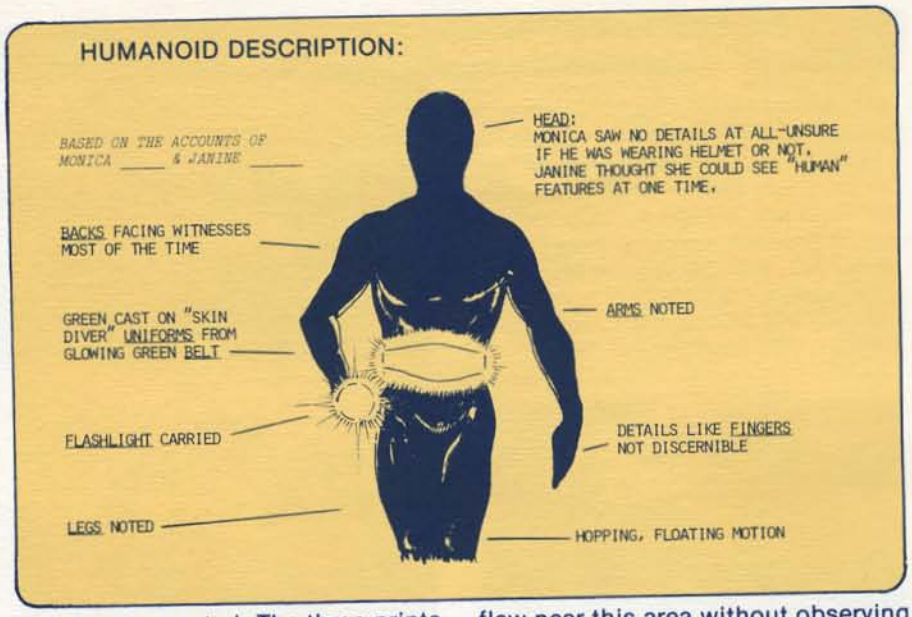
Suddenly, one of the "men" was seen under the second-story bedroom window. As if in response to the witnesses seeing him, he dropped to the ground to hide. When he bent over, the light from his glowing belt shone on his face; Janine thought it looked normally "human". Monica did not note any details at all. The figure made no noise when either walking or lying down. The creature now went to the back door and wiggled the handle. Janine thought she could hear more "men" behind the house. *Now* Janine's mother was finally phoned! The time of the call was set at 3:45 AM by her mother, who then called the State Police and the Sheriff.

Whenever cars approached along the nearby road the figures appeared to duck down until the cars went by. As might be perversely expected, all of the figures were gone from sight just prior to the arrival of two State Police troopers. Janine's mother, father, and brother arrived on the scene shortly afterwards, at about 4:30. The "spaceships" (quote) had already ascended and now resembled stars once again. Three men from the sheriff's Department came after the troopers left; one of them was the official photographer. They were impressed by emotional state of the women; yet none of these men who then searched the area extensively could find anything in the way of physical evidence. The tombstone showed no sign of dislocation from the ground! After the deputies left, the two families searched the grounds and located the physical traces noted below. It should be observed, however, that another deputy was called out again to see these traces and was unconvinced of their value.

PHYSICAL TRACES:
FOOTPRINTS—

Seen *only* by the witnesses outlined in the powdery dust of the driveway.

There were three of these spaced two feet apart in a straight line. No other tracks extended into the sandy ground beyond the driveway as might have been expected. The three prints were 3/16 of an inch deep, exhibited no tread or heel mark. Monica reported that the footprints were even tracked into her dining room, even though no one had entered it. She also said her cucumber plants looked stepped on.


HUMANOID DESCRIPTION:
BASED ON THE ACCOUNTS OF MONICA ____ & JANINE ____
HEAD: MONICA SAW NO DETAILS AT ALL-UNSURE IF HE WAS WEARING HELMET OR NOT. JANINE THOUGHT SHE COULD SEE "HUMAN" FEATURES AT ONE TIME.
BACKS FACING WITNESSES MOST OF THE TIME
ARMS NOTED
GREEN CAST ON "SKIN DIVER" UNIFORMS FROM GLOWING GREEN BELT
FLASHLIGHT CARRIED
DETAILS LIKE FINGERS NOT DISCERNIBLE
LEGS NOTED
HOPPING, FLOATING MOTION

OTHER TRACES—Split rocks, dug-up earth on property, yellow stains were alleged to have been seen by the witnesses. None of these effects were evident to the deputy who came out to see them, nor are they uniquely discernible from the action of the tractor or the cows present.

PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS:
BURNING EYES and HEADACHES—both witnesses reported that these symptoms lasted for two days.

ALTERED SENSE OF TIME—both thought that only one hour had passed, not three.

DRY THROATS, RINGING EARS, and SLUGGISHNESS DURING THE EXPERIENCE—all three were reported by both females.

ANIMAL REACTIONS:
The German Shephard "watch dog", which normally "barks at anyone" failed to bark or behave differently throughout the night, the same as the Dachshund.

IUR FOLLOW-UP
IUR checked with the Cleveland Air Route Traffic Control Center which failed to offer any additional confirmation, but this is not completely surprising as the main UFO was not observed to "land", per se—it merely "appeared". As for the other lights, the 1:30 AM weather plane from the Corning Chemung County Airport flew near this area without observing anything unusual. The FAA facilities at Elmira were contacted close to the time by the sheriff department, but no "unusual traffic" was observed.

The neighbors who owned that farm property were consulted; both husband and wife were up until 3 AM themselves; yet neither lights nor sounds were noted by them.

Under instructions from Ted Phillips, fragments were removed from the tombstone and were submitted (along with controls) to him for possible analysis.

Douglas Dains and Dr. Gary Truce interviewed Janine in person and walked around the grounds at the scene of the sighting. Dr. Truce subjected Janine to hypnotic regression; yet, under hypnosis, no new information was forthcoming. This is almost an unusual state of affairs in view of recent related regressions. She did predict under hypnosis that she would see them again, "maybe all year".

The weather at 1 AM, according to the Binghamton Weather Service: clear, visibility of 25 miles. Temperature was 58 degrees, winds were out of the west at 5 m.p.h.

EPISODE #2
DATE: July 25-26, 1977
TIME: 11 PM
TYPE: CE III
DURATION: 6 hours
PLACE: Lindley, New York

IUR did not even get to talk by phone with these witnesses. The only information we possess on the case is that provided to us by Ted Phillips who spoke briefly with them. The witnesses also had to leave town for reasons known to IUR* that are

**Confidentiality was requested because of legal reasons.*

definitely unrelated to the sighting. Thus, the meeting did not materialize as planned. A future meeting is still in the offing if and when the witnesses return to town.

The witnesses to this second sighting lived six miles away from the scene of the first one. Indeed, it is assumed that they *did* know the details of the first sighting since they turned to the first witnesses for advice on whom to call.

Donald heard a noise at his door and upon investigating, saw, standing six feet away, a humanoid, four feet tall, wearing a suit that was light on top, dark on the bottom. The witness secured a flashlight and a pistol, stepped out on the porch, and aimed the light on the creature. An object above a nearby tree became illuminated by his flashlight. Then a beam of light from this object knocked Donald back. He stayed in the house after that! He and his wife said they experienced cramps; Donald said that his head felt like it was going to explode, his body felt numb, and that his ears were ringing. He stated that he saw 6 or 7 UFOs that night, and a number of similar humanoids moved about their property and could be heard on their rooftop. The humanoids made a chattering sound. All were gone by 5 AM.

PHYSICAL TRACES:
FOOTPRINTS—These were on grass and did not remain visible for long.
ROOFTOP DISTURBANCE—a metal louvre was partially removed.

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Ted Phillips, who specializes in physical traces, gave the witness instructions for carefully removing and handling the metal louvre. An FBI expert on fingerprints was lined up to inspect the metal when it arrived in the mail. Unfortunately, the louvre was never sent by the time the witnesses were obligated to leave the area.

No radar returns were reported in this situation.

Weather condition at 1 AM: Scattered clouds at 12,000 feet, 15 miles visibility. Winds were from the south at 8 m.p.h.

EPISODE #3
DATE: Aug. 1, 1977
TIME: 2-2:30 AM
TYPE: CE III (?)—no UFO seen
DURATION: 2 hours
WITNESSES: (3)—Janine, Monica, and Monica's father, Clifford _____, 53, welder

Investigator Douglas Dains spoke to Janine and Clifford. Janine said they had again returned from the races to Monica's home. This was now a week after their first sighting. Janine and Monica watched 6 or 7 "humanoids" with glowing, green belts again (two had greyish illuminated belts). Janine saw two "human figures" that glowed silver/white instead of green. The two females watched them for an hour before waking up Monica's father. When they shone a flashlight out the window (open, with a screen in place) at one of the figures, it disappeared. When the beam was removed, it was back, in place! Eventually, fog obscured their view and they went back to bed at 4:30 AM. Lying awake in bed, the female witnesses thought they could hear the sound of a woman screaming three times and a door slamming. They experienced ringing in their ears and headaches again.

Monica's father did *not* see "human figures", however; he could only observe "blue/green lights". They were much larger than fireflies but he couldn't make out any source watching the lights through the same window as the women. He did acknowledge hearing a noise like "chiseling" on hard rock, and a high-pitched "chirping" sound which the females thought to be sounds of communication. Clifford did not appear to experience the same headache/ringing ears symptoms as the female witnesses; nor did he hear the unusual screams and noises as he fell asleep right away. He admitted that he didn't really believe the previous story told by Monica and Janine; yet what he viewed was "different from anything he had ever seen before." He was shaky, and had "no thought of going out at the time" to see the lights closer.

Other lesser incidents were also noted by these people around this time. Most of these were learned at press time, and consequently more investigation is called for. Here, however, are brief synopses:

On July 28, 1977 at 1:00 AM, Janine's father, 38, a millwright, observed an orange, domed disc, uniformly illuminated, for about one minute. Smaller in apparent size that the moon, the disc "glided" in from low in the south, hovered over a neighbor's property, and extinguished suddenly. The witness stayed up until 5 AM, but it fogged over after the incident.

Barbara _____, 16, a neighbor girl of the first witnesses, was out at 1:00 AM on August 14, 1977 when she saw a light like a train approaching. It "followed her" for the one mile distance to her home across the river. She wanted to go inside and tell her mother but she was too fascinated. Her eyes burned and watered, her head ached, and she experienced a sore throat the next day, after watching the light for three hours! This account was provided second hand by Janine's mother as the girl's family is in the process of moving and could not be reached for direct confirmation.

On August 17, 1977, Janine had one more unusual (!) experience at 10:30 PM outside the front of her own home. While indoors, Janine observed a white light in the west, 40 degrees up, approaching and descending. This light shot out two green balls, approximately 3 to 4 inches in diamter, which came within 2 or 3 feet of her. She swung her arms at them and ran back indoors. No contact was made and she experienced no physical effects. Janine didn't close the inner door, oddly enough, just the screen door. She then walked to a chair, sat down, and began to read a book as though nothing had happened(!)

Needless to say, these cases still require a lot more investigation. Most of it will have to wait until the primary witnesses become available again. The current lack of information is regrettable. As it is, there are obviously elements that are already apparent throughout these episodes —both strengths and contradictions —to fuel a four-way debate amongst defenders of "extraterrestrial", "paranormal", "misperception" and "psychological" schools of thought . . . probably without hope of resolution.

Were those initial star-like UFOs really UFOs . . . or stars with atmospheric distortions? What are the dynamics of the relationships between Janine and her aunt? Janine's parents have taken a strong interest in the case . . . what influence have they represented on this shy, quiet girl? Investigator Dains said that the distance from Monica's window to the creek is like looking across a football field! Couple this fact with the tall weeds there, and the ability to resolve small figures in the distance becomes a concern. Monica's father only saw greenish lights . . . yet what did the humanoids that Donald and his wife saw at close range look like? Were they similar to the figures reported by Janine and Monica? All of these questions could be tackled if IUR could still gain access to the adult witnesses involved. In the event that this occurs, we will conclude with a follow-up in a future issue. People are still the main "instruments" of UFOlogy . . . and we are still lost without them.

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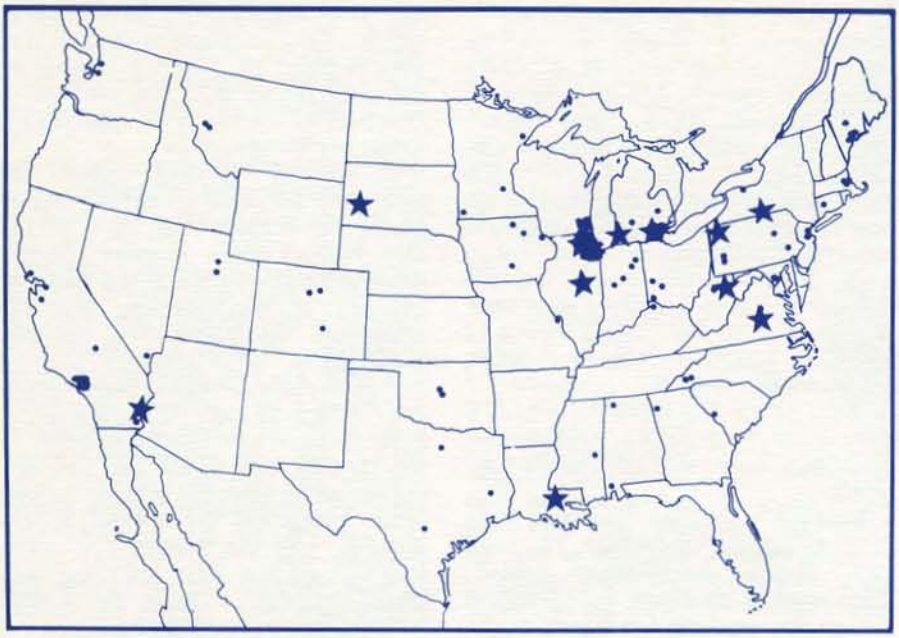

● —IFO ★ —UFO

UFOs include 2-8-51, 2-8-54, 2-8-55, 2-8-72, 2-8-84, 2-9-2, 2-9-4, 2-9-8, 2-9-19, 2-9-25, and 2-9-68. Verifications and complete details of these evaluations are available upon request.

The month of July finally produced the kind of peak we normally expect for this month for total "reports". It wasn't until the end of the month, though, that general activity picked up. Thirty-seven of the 114 reports occured in the last six days of the month!

Stars and Planets	44
Ad Planes	24
Satellites	10
Meteors	4
Aircraft	5
Prank Balloons	3
Balloons	2
Helicopters	2
Residue (airborne)	1
Clouds	1
Kite	1
Inconsistent Testimony	2
Non-UFO	1
Insufficient Observation	1
Unreliable Witness	1
NL	7
DD	2
CE I	1
CE III	1
Total Number of Reports	114
Average Per Day	3.7
Peak Activity (11 cases)	7/30
Total Number of UFOs	11
Total Number of IFOs	98
UFOs: 10.1%	**IFOs:** 89.9%

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CASE	TYPE	DATE	TIME	DURATION	WITNESSES	PLACE
2-9-70	DD	8-1-77	9:30 AM	15 sec.	1	Springfield, OH

11-year old boy playing baseball was surprised to see a white "cigar" the lenght of the full moon, with no features, flying horizontally. Moved southbound from low in the western sky. Clear sky.

Single witness. Seen during the day, but no other reports from area. Springfield Municipal Airport closed on Mondays. Dayton Air Traffic Control and Dayton RAPCON (Radar Approach Control) didn't see this. Not the Goodyear blimp!

2-9-81	NL	8-6-77	8:55 PM	20 sec.	1	Columbus, OH

Young woman stopped her car to watch 2 "cylinders" with bulbous ends heading towards her from the SW. The cylinders were dark grey or green, the moon's diameter in apparent length, and had bright white lights on opposite ends. The objects appeared to bank and twist for 10-15 seconds. One ascended, stopped, and vanished; the second one did the same one second later. Both demonstrated the same kinds of abrupt maneuvers, sudden tilts, and motion toward each other, "too fast for airplanes". The sky was still bright at this time and the cylinders were easily seen. Witness "scared to death".

Single witness, driving in a suburban residential area very close to Port Columbus Airport; yet they did not perceive (radar or visually) any unusual targets. Dayton Airport in direction of travel but nothing noted there, either. Possible helicopters or aircraft.

2-9-85	DD	8-9-77	2 PM	10-15 sec.	1	Wheaton, IL

8-16 pinpoints of intense light "like magnesium burning" were seen to silently maneuver in and out of the clouds under an overcast sky. They appeared to be approaching the 22-year old witness extremely fast from 60 degrees up in the north. Their energy was being expended in looping motions and swooping, however, and they were spreading apart. Witness uncertain of their manner of disappearance.

Single witness. Probably a good candidate for a ball lightning explanation!

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MORE ON THE UNITED NATIONS AND UFOS -

Eric Gairy, Prime Minister of Grenada, has requested the inclusion of an item in the provisional agenda of the 32nd session of the General Assembly entitled, "Establishment of an agency or a department of the United Nations for undertaking, coordinating and disseminating the results of research into unidentified flying objects and related phenomena". The draft resolution notes that previous attempts to bring up the matter in the past have failed because no Member State had ever raised the topic for discussion. The government of Grenada is seeking to have 1978 declared the United Nations International Year of Unidentified Flying Objects. The following actions would be undertaken during this period:

* Establishment of a UN UFO research branch
* Holding of a Second International Congress on UFOs in Grenada
* Issuance of a commemorative stamp series by Grenada and the UN on UFO research

PROJECT STARLIGHT INTERNATIONAL NAMES RESEARCH DIRECTOR -

Ray Stanford, the Managing Director of Project Starlight International (discussed last issue), announced that astronomer Daniel H. Harris, Ph. D., has accepted full-time employment as Research Director. Harris, 34, officially begins employment on Sept. 1, 1977; in the interim, Dr. Harris would like to correspond with scientific professionals of any discipline to exchange ideas on instrumented UFO research. Ray Stanford notes that an astronomer with experience in scientific and technical writing should serve as an effective interface between P.S.I.'s research efforts and the scientific community. Correspondence should be addressed to Project Starlight International, P.O. Box 5310, Austin, Texas, 78763.

UFO ANALYSIS - Of last issue's eight remaining cases, all but one were ascribable to prosaic explanations:

CASE	*TYPE*	*DATE*	*TIME*	*DURATION*	*WITNESSES*	*PLACE*
2-8-55	*NL*	*7-4-77*	*9:30-10 PM*	*5 min.*	*10*	*Rapid City, SD*

Three dark objects were observed from different parts of the city moving westbound. Each of the three had a row of closely-spaced red lights randomly flashing. The objects were basically silent, although some witnesses heard a muffled "jet" noise when the objects were at their closest. Two of the objects seemed to "merge" together in the distance, and the remaining "pair" disappeared into a cloud bank.

Unseen by Rapid City Air Traffic Control. Witnesses worked at the same auto dealer, realised the next day that they had all seen the same thing at different parts of town. All observed the merging effect. Checks with the local press and the planetaria revealed no other reports. A Fourth of July advertising stunt? Neither the Rapid City Airport nor the General Aviation District Office could account for one; it wasn't the nearest ad plane company, either. Winds at that time were from the north/northwest, so the UFOs appeared to be crossing the wind.

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2-9-87 NL 8-10-77 8:50 PM 30-45 sec. 4 Bridgewater Tnsp., NJ

Two adult couples watched a bright, blue/green "star" loping from low in the west towards the NE "like a rabbit hopping" at a uniform speed. Seen from outdoors with a clear sky and calm winds. No noise heard.

No additional reports. Unseen by New York Air Route Traffic Control Center or at airports in Somerville, Newark, and Morristown.

2-9-88 NL 8-11-77 8:05 PM 3½ min. 5 S. Brunswick, NJ

A 37-year old sergeant-detective reported seeing a horizontally-oriented "oval" rise up above the southern horizon, stop, and come towards them while they visited a couple's farm in a rural area. Passing silently almost overhead, the oval looked somewhat smaller than a full moon but revealed some unusual details. The object was distinctly outlined, metallic on top and uniformly illuminated on the bottom; oddest of all was the mast on top with side protrusions suggestive of a radar antenna. This structure seemed to shift positions back and forth "mechanically", as opposed to swaying in the wind. Estimated size: 30 feet. Estimated height: 300 feet. It proceeded toward the NNE where it climbed, got brighter, and vanished into the clouds. Witness was a skeptic about UFOs, was shocked by mast and silence.

No additional reports. Unseen by Newark Airport, 22 miles away. The New York Air Route Traffic Control Center (toward which it was heading) had not logged anything on it, either.

2-9-89 NL 8-11-77 8:45 PM 30 min. 9 Hayden, AL

This is an interesting NL case which IUR will detail in the next issue.